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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF LACONIA

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1ST, 1887.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF LACONIA

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1ST, 1887.

LACONIA, N. H.:
LEWIS, VAUGHAN & CO., PRINTERS.
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VALUATION.

Polls, (1152)	$ 115,200 00	
Buildings and land,	1,299,354 00	
Horses, (369)	26,770 00	
Oxen, (82)	4,293 00	
Cows, (355)	9,579 00	
Other neat stock, (111)	1,844 00	
Sheep, (97)	345 00	
Hogs, (43)	310 00	
Carriages, (55)	4,069 00	
Stock in public funds,	200 00	
Stock in banks and other corporations,	118.050 00	
Stock in corporations out of State,	6,264 00	
Money on hand at interest and on deposit,	69,846 00	
Stock in trade,	156,468 00	
Factories and machinery,	202,650 00	
Steamboats,	7,034 00	
		$2,022,376 00

Scholars—Boys, 332.
Girls, 340,
Soldiers, 826.
Dogs, 295.

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,	$ 4,548 00	
County tax,	6,463 16	
School money,	4,979 50	
Highways and bridges,	5,000 00	
Current expenses,	4,000 00	
Precinct current expenses,	600 00	
Firemen's pay,	1,150 00	
Support of poor,	300 00	
Public library,	600 00	
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00	
Sewerage,	1,000 00	
Hose, etc.,	800 00	
		$29,540 66
School-house tax, Dist. No. 1,		4,200 00
Town school district to buy school-houses,		901 23

Rate of tax for State, County, Town School and Highway, (per thousand) $15.33.

School-house, Dist. No. 1, (per thousand) $2.35; Town Dist., $5.20.

Rebate in Town Districts on school-houses: No. 3, $4.30; No. 4, $2.45; No. 5, $11.10.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1887.

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Laconia:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1886,	$9,219 05	
Cash from Insurance tax, State,	94 50	
Railroad tax, "	1,489 71	
Savings Bank tax, State,	5,259 33	
Literary fund, "	380 16	
Horse sold,	75 00	
F. W. Ladd, licenses,	73 00	
Geo. B. Lane, billiard table licenses,	85 00	
D. B. Story, rent of room,	24 00	
S. C. Robinson, collector's list, 1885,	2,669 70	
F. N. Blaisdell, " " "	150 49	
" " " " 1886,	2,356 80	
S. J. Lamprey, " " "	31,150 00	
		$53,026 74

EXPENDITURES.

Paid County Tax for 1886,	$6,463 16	
State " "	4,548 00	
Library " "	500 00	
Overseer of Poor, "	200 00	
Decorating soldiers' graves, 1886,	100 00	
New school-house tax, Dist. No. 1,	4,200 00	
		$16,011 16

INTEREST PAID ON NOTES.

Eliza A. Ames,	$23 44	
M. Emma Sanborn,	36 32	
Nathaniel Edwards,	60 00	
Ira Laighton,	9 48	
William J. Morrison,	57 08	
Sarah J. Shepard,	40 00	
Rhoda Smith,	22 72	
John Smith,	25 00	
Mary W. Young,	24 00	
		$298 04

NOTES PAID.

Ira Laighton,	$252 50	
W. J. Morrison,	400 00	
Rhoda Smith, in part,	17 28	
Eliza A. Ames,	500 00	
M. Emma Sanborn,	500 00	
Rhoda Smith, in part,	25 00	
		$1,694 78

SCHOOL ORDERS.

Dist. No. 1,	$4,950 62	
Town District,	612 55	
		$5,563 17

BREAKING ROADS, SPRING 1886.

Dist. 7, I. D. Head,	$ 23 35	
8, Jacob Sanborn,	21 30	
9, F. M. Severance,	17 25	
10, J. P. Pitman,	34 40	
11, C. E. Morgan,	34 90	
12, F. L. Cawley,	24 18	
13, B. L. Bachelder,	10 05	
14, C. E. McCartney,	13 20	
16, Rufus L. Bean,	7 95	
		$ 186 58

WINTER 1886-87.

Dist. 7, J. F. Crockett,	$ 35 50	
8, C. F. Sanborn,	59 59	
9, S. J. P. Hadley,	26 02	
10, J. P. Pitnam,	68 69	
11, J. H. Robinson,	51 90	
12, F. L. Cawley,	91 79	
13, B. L. Bachelder,	34 65	
14, C. E. McCartney,	48 28	
15, C. D. Brown,	23 55	
16, C. H. True,	33 66	
		$ 473 63

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Laconia Lumber Co., lumber for bridge,	$ 88 94	
Crockett & Sanborn, bridge plank,	44 47	
C. W. Durrell, land damage,	76 00	
D. C. Batchelder, building extension to High st.,	125 00	
L. S. Perley, surveying,	7 50	
John H. Robinson, hay,	112 95	
Laconia Lumber Co., lumber for bridge,	271 81	
		$726 67

Highways.

Dist. 1,	C. B. S. Watson, (see his report)	$ 5,347 60	
7,	J. F. Crockett,	87 90	
8,	C. F. Sanborn,	50 59	
9,	S. J. P. Hadley,	25 90	
10,	J. P. Pitman,	41 60	
11,	J. H. Robinson,	80 77	
12,	F. L. Cawley,	48 77	
13.	B. L. Batchelder,	33 40	
14,	C. E. McCartney,	20 54	
15,	Charles D. Brown,	29 68	
16,	C. H. True,	130 49	
			$5,897 24

Current Expenses of Precinct.

O. L. Andrews, lettering coats,	$ 2 45
Laconia Car Co., supplies,	17 47
J. Boyd & Sons, repairs on hose,	6 91
J. A. Wilcox, shoveling snow,	3 00
Geo. E. Chase, labor on fire alarm,	5 00
N. P. Burnham, labor,	11 12
Fred Stone, drying hose,	4 80
James Judkins, labor on steamer,	13 00
Thomas Lane's fireman's pay to S. S. Jewett,	23 00
Lawrence & Co., supplies,	1 95
Fred Stone, drying hose,	4 00
Truland Bros., printing Engineers' report,	18 00
Henry Glover, labor on steamer,	2 00
C. J. Drury, labor and material,	2 00
S. E. Young & Co., badge for engineer,	2 75
Manchester Locomotive Works, repairs,	3 75
F. H. Champlin, supplies,	40 98
A. Boyd, 500 feet of hose,	350 00
C. E. Frye, freight and express charges,	2 02
M. J. Ward, supplies,	8 33
S. E. Young & Co., supplies,	5 25
J. Judkins, labor on steamer,	15 00
Gleason & Bailey Manufacturing Co., hose wagon,	413 70
B. & L. R. R., freight on hose wagon,	36 30
Fred Stone, drying hose,	4 00
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas at engine house,	12 50
Hull, Gorrell & Co., supplies.	1 50
A. L. Russell, vitriol,	32 59
G. Cook & Son, coal,	7 75

O. L. Andrews, supplies,	3 00	
E. J. Dinsmore, supplies,	2 60	
James Judkins, labor on steamer,	15 00	
J. A. Wilcox, labor,	5 00	
F. H. Champlin, services and expense,	31 38	
Abel Machine Co., supplies and repairs,	10 34	
F. E. French, keys,	75	
J. F. Sanborn, repairing wagon,	2 00	
D. W. Corliss, labor,	1 25	
James Judkins, labor on steamer,	15 00	
James Judkins, services as engineer,	27 00	
L. & L. V. Water Works,	7 80	
F. A. Durrell, drawing snow,	3 00	
		$1,175 24

PAID FIREMEN.

Steamer Co.,	$ 345 00	
Hook & Ladder Co.,	460 00	
Reliance Hose Co.,	325 45	
		$1,130 45

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

M. F. Smith,		$ 2 00

CURRENT EXPENSES.

A. N. Clark, lighting street-lights.	$ 21 00	
Laconia Gas Co., gas for street-lights,	123 12	
R. H. Dutton, school-books,	4 39	
J. F. Merrill, for Board of Education, one year,	60 00	
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing town reports,	62 00	
Geo. S. Chase, printing notices,	1 10	
F. A. Durrell, lighting street lights,	22 00	
Novelty Job Printing Co., printing,	4 25	
F. W. Ladd, one pair of horses, freight, duty and expense,	536 00	
F. A. Durrell, lighting street-lights,	22 00	
Ladd & Keasor, supplies for street-lights,	18 05	
Mrs. E. J. Beaman, rent,	24 00	
Laconia Gas Co., gas for street-lights,	94 58	
C. J. Drury, labor and material, town stable,	81 31	
J. W. Ames, stock and labor, town stable,	2 80	
A. C. Leavitt & Son, wood,	2 00	
" " " "	1 57	
A. W. Wilcox, shingles for town stables,	10 50	
F. A. Durrell, lighting street-lights,	22 00	
Covell & Carter, care of town clock,	50 00	

G. W. Riley, lumber for town stable,	$ 60 29
Hull, Gorrell & Co., lumber for town stable,	3 25
A. C. Leavitt & Son, clapboards for stable,	9 00
F. A. Durrell, lighting street-lights,	22 00
Etta Swain, damage on highway, Mar. 9, '86,	155 00
Laconia Gas Co', gas for street-lights,	36 29
L. & L V. Water Works, hydrants to Sept. 1,	748 33
F. A. Durrell, lighting street-lights,	22 00
Mrs. E. J. Beaman, rent of selectmen's room,	24 00
C. H. Dolloff, use of teams,	8 00
F. A. Durrell, lighting street-lights,	22 00
Laconia Gas Co., gas for streets,	122 20
F. W. Ladd, 2 horses, freight, duty and expense,	530 95
Paid G. E. Waring, surveying for sewerage,	115 00
F. A. Durrell, lighting street-lights,	22 00
John Hatch, cord of wood for lobby,	3 50
Supplies for and cash paid John M. Eagan, on account of broken leg,	138 70
Hull, Gorrell & Co., pine plank,	24 23
Chas. Winn, for labor,	75
J. R. Champlin, supplies and labor,	31 76
S. W. Sanders, drain pipe,	185 30
Mrs. E. J. Beaman, rent of selectmen's rooms,	24 00
Hull, Gorrell & Co., feed box for town stable,	6 00
D. W. Corliss, lighting street-lights,	22 00
Novelty Job Printing Co., printing,	3 50
J. B. Sanborn, for books,	5 00
D. W. Corliss, lighting street-lights,	22 00
Paid witnessess in case Laighton vs. Laconia,	18 82
L. & L. V. Water Works,	4 83
D. M. Rowe & Co., powder and fuse,	1 40
Laconia Gas Co., gas,	237 73
Mrs. E. J. Beaman, rent of selectmen's room,	24 00
T. F. Ford, repairs on lobby and assistance as Health Officer at Weirs,	5 50
R. H. Dutton, school-books,	1 81
C. E. Morgan, watering-trough,	3 00
Daniel Blaisdell, watering-trough,	6 00
D. W. Corliss, lighting street-lights,	22 00
J. F. Harriman, stationery,	6 40

F. W. Ladd, paid Births and Deaths as follows:

	Births.	Deaths.		
D. B. Nelson,	1	2	$ .75	
A. W. Abbott,	17	18	8 75	
O. Goss,	2	4	1 50	
O. W. Goss,	1	1	50	
H. E. Mace,	1	12	3 25	
A. Lindsay,	2	2	1 00	
C. P. Swain,	1		25	
T. S. Foster,	5	6	2 75	
H. C. Wells,	11	16	6 75	
Stephen Vittum,	1	4	1 25	
Mrs. R. W. Wiley,	32	13	11 25	
N. L. True,	23	13	9 00	
F. L Gerald,		2	50	
C. F. Clerk,		9	2 25	
B. Munsey,		1	25	
J. B. Ayer,		1	25	
G. F. Roby,		1	25	
F. W. Ladd,		5	1 25	
C. W. Durrell,		2	50	
				$52 25

C. H. Sleeper, services sewerage survey.	5 00	
A. C. Leavitt & Son, coal.	14 77	
A. G. Folsom, rent of hall.	60 00	
Belknap Mills, pumping water, Bank Square,	20 00	
John H. Robinson, District debt, No. 3.	65 25	
J. Gilbert, glass for street-lamps.	7 30	
F. W. Ladd, kerosene, oil, chimneys, burners, etc.,	56 21	
J. G. Dow, cash paid out,	3 25	
C. W. Durrell, cash paid out,	5 00	
Lyman Woodman, labor,	1 50	
L. &. L. V. Water Works, rent hydrants, 6 mos.,	555 00	
J. S. Doolittle, for town school board,	15 00	
N. J. Dyer, services in case Leighton vs. town,	3 26	
Jewell & Stone, legal services, year ending Mar. 1,	123 00	
D. W. Corliss, lighting street-lights.	28 00	
S. W. Sanders, oil can,	1 25	
F. W. Ladd, cash paid out.	35 55	
S. S. Wiggin, on account concrete walk,	25 00	
		$ 5,037 80

Town Officers.

John H. Robinson, supervisor, spring 1886,	$ 21 00	
C. W. Tyler, auditor,	2 00	
Geo. B. Lane, services as supervisor spring 1886,	18 00	
Geo. B. Lane, town clerk,	102 00	
John W. Ashman, auditor,	2 00	
T. F. Ford, health officer,	81 73	
F. W. Sargent, special police,	12 67	
T. F. Ford, services as police,	50 00	
" " extra police and night watch.	20 00	
John Dow, police,	6 00	
Rufus L. Bean, police at Weirs,	50 00	
G. B. Lane, services as supervisor, fall 1886,	22 50	
Jonathan G. Dow, services as selectman,	136 25	
Geo. E. Stevens, services as supervisor, fall 1886.	12 50	
C. W. Durrell, services as selectman,	211 25	
F. W. Ladd, services as selectman,	300 00	
J. H. Robinson, supervisor, fall 1886,	22 00	
S. J. Lamprey, collecting taxes,	275 00	
J. C. Shannon, overseer of poor,	75 00	
John D. Smith, fish and game warden,	40 00	
S. J. Lamprey, services as selectman,	10 00	
F. N. Blaisdell, services as collector,	50 00	
O. W. Tibbetts, services as town treasurer,	100 00	
James Judkins, night watch,	730 00	
		$ 2,349 90

Pauper Account.

J. C. Shannon, overseer of poor, in account with Town of Laconia:

To cash received from county of Belknap for support of county paupers,		$ 1,407 92
Paid for support of county paupers,		1,407 92
To cash received from town treasurer	$200 00	
" on hand, as per last report.	39 73	
		$239 73

Which is accounted for as follows,

Paid for taking affidavit in Waterman case	$ 50	
Expense to Lancaster & Dalton in Waterman case,	16 90	
Aid to Mary A. Severance,	130 00	
Cash on hand,	92 33	
		$ 239 73

J. C. Shannon, Overseer of Poor.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. Tyler, J. W. Ashman, } Auditors.

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,		$ 53,026 74
DISBURSEMENTS.		
State tax,	$ 4,548 00	
County tax,	6,463 16	
Library tax,	500 00	
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00	
School orders,	5,563 17	
Notes paid,	1,694 78	
Interest on notes,	298 04	
Breaking roads,	660 21	
Roads and bridges,	6,623 91	
Paupers' bills, (see report)	200 00	
Current expenses,	5,037 80	
" " precinct,	1,175 24	
Damage to sheep by dogs,	2 00	
Firemen,	1,130 45	
New school house tax, dist. No. 1.	4,200 00	
Town officers,	2,349 90	
Cash in hands of treasurer,	12,480 08	
		$53,026 74

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer.

Laconia, N. H., Feb. 25, 1887.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN

MARCH 1, 1887.

LIABILITIES.—NOTES OUTSTANDING.

			Amt.	Int.
No. 5,	Nellie Whicher,	Mar. 2, 1883,	$1,000 00	$169 83
6,	Mary S. Whicher,	2,	1,000 00	169 83
9,	Eben L. Dow,	20,	1,500 00	250 96
10,	Nath'l Edwards,	24,	500 00	18 66
11,	Collimer J. Smith,	30,	150 00	24 90
12,	Eben L. Dow,	30,	1,000 00	166 08
13,	B. M. Sanborn,	Apr. 18,	700 00	114 68
14,	Andrew J. Varney,	June 27,	2,102 49	326 56
17,	M. Florence Smith,	May 8, 1884,	400 00	57 41
20,	John Edwards,	Dec. 5,	1,000 00	91 56
22,	Eliza B. Morrison,	June 20, 1885,	1,600 00	110 20
23,	Sarah J. Shepard,	July 1,	1,000 00	26 66
24,	Jona. G. Dow,	1,	485 11	32 83
25,	Ella A. Swasey,	1,	123 50	8 32
26,	Nath'l Edwards,	1,	1,000 00	26 66
27,	Mary W. Young,	1,	400 00	2 66
29,	Rhoda Smith,	1,	540 36	
30,	John Smith,	Aug. 29,	500 00	5 05
			$15,001 46	$1,602 85

Due on notes and interest,	$16,604 31	
Mrs. M. A. Kelley, land damage in 1882,	1 00	
O. L. Andrews or trustee fireman's pay for 1886,	23 00	
For soldiers' monument in hands of treasurer, appropriated in 1884,	2,000 00	
		$ 18,628 31

ASSETS.

Due from A. Thompson as per last report,	$ 54 59
" D. B. Story, rent of room for sheriff office,	16 00
57 shares B. C. & M. R. R. stock,	570 00
Stable and shed on Water street,	525 00
Land on Water street,	800 00
Four horses,	1,000 00
Two carts, harnesses, blankets, etc.,	400 00
Stone lifter,	25 00

Road machine,			$ 150 00
S. J. Lamprey, tax list 1886,	$32,845 50		
Interest collected,	44 00		
Taxes added,	120 19		
		$33,009 69	
Less abatements,	286 46		
Paid treasurer,	31,150 00		
		$31,436 46	
Balance due from collector,			$1,573 23
F. N. Blaisdell, tax list 1886,	$3,749 52		
Interest collected,	3 67		
		$3,753 19	
Less rebate on school houses,	849 96		
" abatements,	5 20		
Paid treasurer,	2,356 80		
		$3,211 96	
Balance due from collector,			541 23
Cash in hands of treasurer,			12,480 08
			$18,135 13
Liabilities, March 1, 1887,			18,628 31
Assets, " "			18,135 13
Liabilities, March 1, 1887, less assets,			$ 493 18
Debt reduced from 1886,			4,869 94

We would recommend that the town raise the same amount for roads and bridges as last year—$5,000, and for current expenses, $4,500.

F. W. Ladd,
C. W. Durrell,
J. G. Dow,
} Selectmen of Laconia.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. Tyler,
J. W. Ashman,
} Auditors.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

REPORT OF C. B. S. WATSON, SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS, DISTRICT No. 1, LACONIA, N. H.

Received from town treasurer,	$5,347 60
Moses Connor, street waste,	62 75
C. J. Smith, " "	11 25
C. B. S. Watson.	49 63
Thomas Carroll, grade,	1 50
Mrs. Casey,	3 00
Frank H. Busiel, stone,	4 84
W. L. Melcher, sand,	6 50
Dr. Mace, grade,	3 00
C. B. S. Watson, manure,	15 00
old plank,	8 00
Rufus James, street waste,	4 00
George Howe, "	5 00
J. Henry Story,	6 00
	$5,528 07

Paid out as follows for breaking roads in Spring of 1886:

C. B. S. Watson,	$ 50 00
Aaron Connor,	48 00
Benj. Rand,	16 50
Octave Guy,	10 75
James Foster.	3 00
C. L. McLaughlin,	2 33
Philip Foster,	9 00
Lewis Laplant,	4 50
Fred Pickering,	4 25
John Nichols,	15 30
Valentine Cook,	75
Peter Laundrey,	2 25
Alfred Longevain,	4 70
Philip Laundrey,	4 50
Augustine Cate,	6 00
Peter Bushey,	2 25
E. B. Brown,	1 50

Paid S. E. Moulton,	$ 1 75
Albert Perry,	3 75
Reuben Vittum,	1 25
George Horn,	75
John C. Randlett,	4 95
Josiah Davis,	5 25
D. L. Chapman,	1 50
J. H. Jackson,	1 50
J. H. Pickering,	2 25
F. A. Durrell,	1 20
Dana Fifield,	60
George Labranch,	1 50
Martin Morrissey,	6 75
W. H. Pearsons,	90
	$2,194 81

Expenditures of Highways, District No. 1, 1886.

Paid C. B. S. Watson, as per vouchers, labor, self and team,	$ 600 24
Aaron Connor,	432 00
Benj. Rand,	336 75
Joseph Tatro,	219 50
Lewis Tatro,	272 05
L. M. Pike, (concreting,)	772 54
Peter Laundrey,	199 25
Alfred Longevain,	208 50
Octave Guay,	126 05
Zoel Lemay,	112 80
George Perry,	90 75
George H. Edwards,	54 75
Augustine Cate,	4 50
Lewis Laplant,	4 20
Martin Morrissey,	13 50
Albert Gay,	8 25
Joseph Fortier,	3 00
Patrick Sculley,	7 50
C. H. Lamprey,	27 00
George Hennesey,	1 50
J. L. Robinson,	33 75
Nicole Angie,	1 35
Peter Lemond,	1 50
F. Joqal,	1 85
Manzer M. Smith,	10 50
N. Cuttingham,	6 75

Paid Joseph Bennett,	$ 75
Marcal Guay,	75
Fred H. Coffin,	1 50
R. H. Dutton,	1 66
Humphrey, Dodge & Smith,	7 50
J. P. Barnum,	4 25
J. B. Morrill,	3 00
E. P. Osgood,	8 00
G. W. Riley,	2 77
H. J. Crooker,	76 43
S. W. Sanders,	185 30
Timothy Tilton,	4 25
Laconia Car Co.,	4 17
John Edwards,	2 50
J. P. Pitman,	36 40
Holt Brothers,	33 00
A. C. Leavitt,	4 20
J. P. Hussey,	4 34
J. S. Hoitt,	2 00
J. H. Tilton,	8 44
Joseph Samson,	262 30
	$4,303 84

Paid breaking roads Winter of 1886-7:

C. B. S. Watson,	$120 00
Aaron Connor,	120 00
Benj. Rand,	41 50
George Edwards,	36 75
Lewis Yates,	10 00
John Nichols,	33 40
John Ladd,	19 25
A. M. Thyng,	4 35
A. G. Folsom,	6 60
Josiah Davis,	5 25
Peter Cariovue,	1 50
Marcel Gay,	1 50
Archie Brickney,	1 50
Philip Foster,	1 50
Philip Laundrey,	1 50
Charles Cabbott,	1 50
Harmon J. Lee,	1 50
John Chatney,	1 50
Tufield Lamont,	3 00
Napoleon Laverdur,	1 50

Paid Joseph Guay,	$ 1 50
Fred Virgoe,	1 50
George Smith,	1 50
Napoleon Carter,	1 50
John Billedo,	1 50
Lewis Laplant,	1 50
Lewis Perry,	75
Joseph Bennett,	75
Wilton Moody,	1 50
Napoleon Guay,	1 50
Napoleon Liberty,	1 50
Alec Billedo,	1 50
Eben Edwards,	3 00
Lyman Dippy,	13 50
John Sanborn,	1 50
Alec Rubbedo,	4 50
Reshaw Libby,	2 25
P. O. Neill,	2 63
D. L. Chapman,	1 05
Joseph Samson,	10 50
J. Davis,	4 50
William Sculley,	3 00
J. H. Price,	1 30
	$ 477 83
Paid expenses for stable:	
Laconia grist mill,	$193 10
A. C. Leavitt,	35 73
Josiah Davis,	50
G. E. Knowlton,	25 15
E. F. Wiggin,	9 45
D. F. Heath,	3 00
H. C. Wells,	4 00
J. H. Story,	7 00
E. J. Dinsmore,	64 51
H. J. Crocker,	52 88
E. J. Dinsmore, harnesses,	75 00
C. B. S. Watson, hay,	44 91
L. E. Lindsey,	11 69
	$526 92

SCHEDULE OF TOOLS BELONGING TO HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1, MARCH 1, 1887.

1 sled, 1 ice crusher, 1 stone drag, 4 iron bars, 14 drills, 2 striking hammers, 1 hand hammer, 5 picks, 4 hoes, 1 plow, 1 desk, 2 lamps.

1 set fall-blocks, 1 waterpot, 2 scythes and snaths, 1 bit-stock, 2 levels, 1 shave, 1 paving hammer, 1 hatchet, 1 square, 1 chisel, 1 hand-saw, 1 coal hod, 2 oil cans, 1 harrow, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 concreet-heater, 25 tar barrels, 1 manure fork, 1 tar ladle, 15 wooden snow shovels, 13 iron shovels, 2 scoop shovels, 1 concrete roller, 2 stoves, 3 lanterns, 2 pails, 1 set pruning shears, 18 bits, 2 plains, 1 2-inch augur, 1 mallet, 1 nail hammer, 1 level, 1 pair saw-horses, 1 teakettle, 2 monkey wrench, 2 dirt-scrapers, 6 snow plows, 1 concrete kettle, 1 tape line, 1 tool box, 4 plow points, 2 sewer grates, 7 chains, 1 dung puller.

C. B. S. WATSON, Surveyor.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Selectmen of Laconia:

In presenting this, the ninth annual report of the condition of the Laconia Public Library, your trustees desire to call your attention to the following table as showing from its beginning the constant usefulness and growth of the Library, which must remove any doubts that may have existed. as regards its benefit to all, and worthy of being liberally sustained. Its present quarters are very much crowded, and if its usefulness and increase is to be continued, larger and better accommodations must be provided in the near future. The usual congressional publications have been received, also a volume from the Rev. James Freeman Clark.

The Following Table Shows the Growth of the Library:

	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
Whole number books	1931	2208	2428	2651	3371	3891	4196	4377	4668
Juvenile	325	339	350	375	438	438	469	486	541
Fiction	595	725	834	887	1046	1040	1233	1292	1416
History, Travels, Biography, etc.	1011	1144	1244	1389	1881	2413	2494	2599	2711
Whole No. cards issued	....	1260	1569	1838	2125	2369	2607	2897	3194
No. issued during the year	....	....	....	...	287	244	239	290	297
Greatest No. taken in one day	....	491	364	336	404	346	382	400	348
Average each day	....	593	188	191	208	218	189	224	239
Greatest No. out at one time	....	....	695	633	702	711	640	689	649
Average No. out	....	....	472	478	477	479	491	519	503
Total during year	....	....	....	....	21842	20965	19785	23327	24846
Average of Juvenile each day	....	48	32	30	36	36	28	35	62
Average of Fiction each day	....	134	114	117	122	132	116	148	132
Average of all others each day	....	64	43	42	46	50	45	41	43
No. added during year	....	277	440	223	726	547	305	181	288

James H. Tilton,
John T. Busiel,
Chas. F. Pitman,
John W. Ashman,
Wm. F. Knight,
} Trustees of the Laconia Public Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Laconia Public Library in Account with William F. Knight, Treasurer.

General Fund.

1886.

March 1.	Balance on hand at date,	$ 2 63
	Appropriation for current year,	600 00

Fines received by Edgar F. Reeves, librarian,	$ 62 83
Catalogues and supplements sold by do.,	18 40
Books lost and sold by do.,	4 87
	$ 688 73

EXPENDITURES.

Edgar F. Reeves, salary as librarian,		$ 125 00	
" Extra service on new books,		7 00	
" bills paid for wood,		6 75	
" " freight,		88	
" " Life of Grant, 2 vols.,		7 00	
" " Truland Bros., printing,		3 25	
" " Lewis, Vaughan & Co., do.,		8 50	
" " Postal cards,		11 00	
" " Granite Monthly and ex.,		2 25	
" " sundry items,		8 90	
Estes & Lauriat for books,	$ 3 30		
" "	270 34	—273 64	
W. L. Melcher & Co., for insurance,		6 25	
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing supplements, etc.,		18 75	
A. G. Folsom for rent,		100 00	
E. B. Beaman, rebinding books,		76 10	
Laconia Gas-Light Co., for gas,		30 60	
Cash on hand,		2 86	
			$688 73

Helen A. Avery fund,

1886			
March 1.	Balance on hand at date,	$14 84	
	Interest on investment,	70 00	— $84 84
	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	$27 83	
	Ticknor & Co., "	22 50	
	Martin, Garrison & Co., "	13 50	
	Cash on hand,	21 01	— $84 84

WILLIAM F. KNIGHT, Treas.

February 26, 1887.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. TYLER, J. W. ASHMAN, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

GRADED SCHOOLS.

To the Legal Voters of School Dist., No. 1:

In a rather uneventful year, without any striking or notable incidents, there are some features of our school history which the Board of Education believe will prove interesting and worthy of notice.

Perhaps the most prominent event is the erection of the new school building in Academy Square, which it is expected will be completed in season for use during the coming fall. The readiness and alacrity even with which the very large appropriations for this purpose were voted was a source of peculiar satisfaction to the board. It proved that our people would favor no narrow nor niggardly policy in the management of our schools, but would give a cordial support to those who "devise liberal things."

When completed the board believes the new building will be among the very best of its class in the state, and furnish ample accommodation for both our High and Grammar schools for many years to come.

The new building will make necessary changes which are likely to mark a new era in our schools. The high and grammar schools will be brought together into the same building. This will involve the permanent employment of a male principal, competent to organize and maintain a stricter discipline than has always obtained in the past. Special precautions must be taken to prevent those injuries and vandalisms which young America seems to regard as the natural and inevitable fate of school buildings. More stringent rules must be adopted for the government of scholars in and about the building, and most certain and summary punishment must follow any infraction of these rules. The Grammar schools must be regraded so that all the scholars of the same year may come under the instruction of the same teacher.

In making and enforcing these regulations the Board of Education has the right to ask and expect the cordial support of parents and taxpayers. And here the board ventures to suggest that their duties would be greatly lightened and the success of our schools greatly promoted if parents would show a warmer interest in our schools by visit-

ing them oftener. Very few of our citizens ever step their feet inside our school-rooms. The result is that opinions of teachers and of school regulations are very largely formed from the reports of pupils. How unreliable these reports often are, and what erroneous impressions are got in this way can best be told by those having experience in such matters. Much unfair criticism of teachers would be avoided if parents but knew the conditions under which their work is done and the necessity for regulations, which are often thought needless and foolish, would be more generally acknowledged. Frequent visits to our school-rooms would not only be an encouragement to teachers but would have a most wholesome effect on the scholars.

In connection with this it ought to be stated that some parents do much to detract from the interest and value of our schools by not insisting on a more prompt and constant attendance. Children are often allowed to remain out of school for the most frivolous reasons, thus hindering the progress of their classes when they return, making additional work for the teacher and distracting their attention from their studies. It is noticeable that these absences are most frequent among the poorest scholars. Pupils who idle away their time in the school-room are precisely the ones most ready to catch at any excuse for keeping out altogether. Usually there is no better sign of poor scholarship than to find children eager to give up their school work. Parents should be slow in granting leaves of absence, and should even submit to inconvenience rather than allow their children to remain out of school.

During the past year the Board has advanced the pay of teachers in the primary and intermediate grades, making it equal to that in the grammar schools. They have done this because they are convinced that some of the most important and most laborious work is done in these schools. Without good primary schools the whole system must be defective. The board have therefore given special attention to these schools, and are greatly pleased with the good work now being done in them. Even with the advanced pay, the annual salary of primary teachers, owing to the shorter terms, is less than the same teachers could earn in schools of a higher grade. The Board regard the change in pay as a matter of simple justice to the teachers of the lower grades, and believe that if any discrimination is to be hereafter made it should be in their favor rather than against them.

An additional reason for giving special attention to the lower grades is found in the fact that quite a good many fall out after reaching the Grammar grade. It is therefore doubly necessary that the training which they receive, during the few years they are in our schools, should be the best at our command.

The most rapid increase of scholars is noticed in the lower grades and an additional primary school on the North side, cannot be long

postponed. The room now occupied by the Grammar school can be utilized for this purpose. This will give three primary schools on each side of the river, and bring about a much better grading than is possible at present. Theoretically two courses of three years each ought to be equal to three courses of two years each, but practically the result has been found to be quite different.

We shall attempt no comment on the work of particular teachers. All are not equally deserving and perhaps none are entirely above criticism, but the Board believe that taken as a whole the work of our schools shows an advance on that of former years. That but few changes of teachers has been made is a clear indication that most of them have won the right to remain by satisfactory services in the past.

It is evident, however, that our schools will never be what will satisfy as public-spirited and enterprising a village as Laconia until the entire system is brought under a more careful and thorough supervision. The Board are, more and more, conscious of their own shortcomings in this direction, and are more and more convinced that the personal supervision of the schools should at an early day be given to one person, at a salary sufficiently large to enable him to devote to the work at least one-half of each school-day. How this result can best be reached is a problem whose solution the Board is now considering,

The whole number of children of school age, returned by the selectmen last April was, boys 315, girls 316, which is but a trifling advance on the return for the preceeding year.

The statistical table, giving a statement of the work of the year, is annexed.

J. G. JEWETT,
SARAH L. MERRILL,
FLORENCE L. TYLER,
D. B. NELSON,
J. F. MERRILL,
E. C. LEWIS,
} Board of Education.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FOR UNGRADED SCHOOLS TOWN OF LACONIA.

In presenting this, the first annual report under the law abolishing the District system, your Board labor under some slight disadvantage. This being the first year of the operation of the new law, makes the duties devolving upon your Board more arduous than they will be in the future.

We would, at this time, mention the great and irreparable loss to the town and to the remaining members of the Board, in the death of Chas. R. Swain, Esq.. in June. Himself a most successful teacher, and an earnest worker in the cause of education, his death made a void in your Board, that without disparaging the ability of many citizens eligible to to the office, the remaining members were loath to fill, and decided to wait until the annual election and let the legal voters indicate their preference. We would not close this part of our report without bearing testimony of our respect to his memory as a faithful official, and a Christian gentleman.

We feel that a good work has been done in all the schools under our care. The utmost care was taken to secure efficient teachers, and we can but feel that we were successful; and this is our reason for retaining the services of nearly all the teachers who commenced the school year under our charge. We would at this time most earnestly urge upon parents, and all kind friends of education, to visit our schools more frequently. Such visits are productive of good in more ways than one. It is an incentive to both teacher and pupil to greater effort; it encourages both to feel that an interest is felt in their progress.

Your Board have not deemed it best to discontinue any of the three schools. But in the near future it may be deemed wise to pay the money to two teachers rather than three, thereby prolonging the time which every scholar can attend school. The school-house at The Weirs was found in such a dilapidated condition that it was found necessary to expend quite a large sum relatively upon repairs, to make it even decent. At best it cannot meet the requirements of this growing community, but a short ttime. We would most urgently ask for a larger appropriation, that many needed reforms may be successfully inaugurated.

With this report will close the connection of one member of the Board who most reluctantly consented to stand as a candidate for an office, the duties of which he felt himself unable to perform in a satisfactory manner. And thanking those who have stayed up his hand, and been so lenient in their judgment of his acts, he most gladly resigns to make way for one better qualified to perform the duties that pertain to the position in a more acceptable manner. But wherever placed he hopes never to lose his interest in the noble work of education.

School Recently Known as District No. 3.

Miss Idella M. Drew of Gilmanton taught both spring and fall term. There was no winter term. In Miss Drew is combined the many qualities that make a successful teacher. She possesses that firmness united with kindness that is so requisite in the management of the many different dispositions found in the average school. And it is safe to say that good progress was made by the pupils under her charge, especially in that much neglected study—reading.

Number of visitor during the year, 42. Roll of honor: Spring term—Ida Willey, Nellie Drown, Angie Eastman, Eleanore Robinson, Grace Kimball, Pearl Sanborn, Frank Willey. Fall term—Ida Willey, Pearl Sanborn, Fred Huston.

School at The Weirs.

Spring and summer terms were taught by Miss Fannie M. Spencer of Plymouth. Miss Spencer came highly recommended by the faculty of the State Normal School, and the late Supt. of Schools at Plymouth. and fully deserves the high praise spoken of in her behalf. Number of visitors. 24. Roll of Honor: Spring term—Sadie Huntress, Alice Marsh. Nellie Marsh, Gertie Pickering, Fred Moore. Summer term—Alice Pickering, Fred Moore.

Winter term taught by Miss Myrtie E. Glidden of Meredith. Of Miss Glidden it can truly be said, without flattery, that she is a born teacher. Believing that "Order is Heaven's first law," she acts upon that belief, and it is saying nothing derogatory of any teacher to say that, in this respect, Miss Glidden ranks A 1. She also possesses that power to win the respect of all her pupils, and also to impart instruction in a way that interests while it instructs the pupil. We trust she may long continue to teach where she has now the regard of all. No. of visitors, 26. Roll of Honor: Nellie Marsh, Gertrude Pickering, Alice Pickering, Frank Marsh.

School at the Union School House.

All three terms were taught by Miss Ellen W. Robinson of Laconia. Miss Robinson is a hard-working, conscientious teacher and de-

servedly successful. It is a difficult matter to maintain an interest where a school numbers less than eight or ten pupils, and such schools require different management than others. Miss Robinson, fully conscious of the fact, adapts herself most successfully to such a condition. No. of visitors during the year, 44. Roll of Honor: Spring term—Willie Filgate, Homer McCartney, Leroy Trojano, Antony Trojano. Summer term—Willis Watson, Noah Brown, Lillian Brown. Fall term—Fred Barnes, Willis Watson.

J. S. Doolittle,
Jacob Sanborn.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Graded Schools.—Dist. No. 1.

Terms.	Grade of School.	Name of Teacher.	Wages per Month.	Length of School in Weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. pupils attending to the following studies: Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Vocal Music.	Physiology.
Spring.	High School.....	Helen W. Poor.....	$60	11	44	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No. Grammar...	Lizzie E. Lovell.....	40	11	36	35	36	36	36	36	16	36	20	..	..	36
	So. Grammar....	Belle F Small.....	48	10	30	29	29	29	29	29	11	29	18	29	..	30
	No. Intermediate	Mrs. F. C. Watson.....	36	11	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	18	..	33	..	33
	So. Intermediate	Annie E. Trafton.....	36	11	46	44	46	46	46	46	46	28	..	46	..	46
	No. 1st Primary..	Sarah D. Knowlton....	36	10	36	31	36	36	36	36	15	..	..	..	..	36
	No. 2nd Primary	Florence M. Ellis.....	36	10	59	52	59	59	59	59	..	..	..	..	..	59
	So. 1st Primary..	Mrs. H. C. Knowlton..	36	10	50	48	50	50	50	50	..	..	..	..	50	50
	So. 2nd Primary.	Florence I. Goodspeed	36	10	42	41	42	42	42	42	..	..	..	..	..	42
	So. 3rd Primary.	J. Annie Robinson...	36	10	67	62	67	67	67	67	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fall.	High School.....	W. H. Hartshorn.....	88.88	11	43	42	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No Grammar....	Lizzie Meservey.....	40	11	47	46	47	47	47	47	20	47	27	.	..	47
	So. Grammar....	Belle F. Small.....	48	11	43	41	43	43	43	43	23	43	40	43	..	43
	No. Intermediate	Mrs. F. C. Watson.....	40	11	29	28	29	29	29	29	29	19	..	29	..	29
	So. Intermediate	Annie E. Trafton.....	40	11	33	32	33	33	33	33	33	15	..	33	..	33
	No. 1st Primary..	Sarah D. Knowlton....	40	10	43	42	43	43	43	43	14	..	..	..	..	43
	No. 2nd Primary.	Florence M. Ellis.....	40	10	65	58	65	65	65	65	65	..	..	..	..	65
	So. 1st Primary..	Minnie Price.....	40	10	46	43	46	46	46	46	..	..	..	.	..	46
	So. 2nd Primary.	Florence I. Goodspeed	40	10	42	41	42	42	42	42	..	..	..	..	..	42
	So. 3rd Primary.	J. Annie Robinson.....	40	10	46	40	46	46	46	46	..	..	..	..	..	..
Winter.	High School.....	W. H. Hartshorn.....	88.88	13	43	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No. Grammar....	Rev. F. C. Libby	40	11	47	43	47	47	47	47	20	47	27	47	47	47
	So. Grammar....	Belle F. Small.	48	11	45	44	45	45	45	45	24	45	21	45	..	45
	No. Intermediate	Mrs. F. C. Watson.....	40	11	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	20	..	31	..	31
	So. Intermediate	Annie E. Trafton.....	40	10	32	30	32	32	32	32	32	15	..	32	..	32
	No. 1st Primary..	Sarah D. Knowlton....	40	10	41	36	41	41	41	41	20	..	..	..	..	41
	No. 2nd Primary.	Florence M. Ellis.....	40	10	50	42	50	50	50	50	..	..	..	..	18	..	50
	So. 1st Primary..	Mrs. H. C. Knowlton...	40	10	45	42	45	45	45	45	..	..	..	..	45	45
	So. 2nd Primary.	Florence I. Goodspeed	40	10	36	30	36	36	36	36	..	..	..	..	..	36
	So. 3rd Primary..	J. Annie Robinson.....	40	10	53	45	53	53	53	53	..	..	..	..	..	..

Ungraded Schools.

Dist.	Term.															
3	Spring Term.....	Idella M. Drew..	$30	8	16	14	16	16	16	16	8	9	..	1	3	1
	Fall Term.....	" "	30	15	18	13	18	18	18	18	6	11	..	3	2	5
4	Spring Term.....	Fannie Spencer.....	30	8	22	18	22	21	8	15	11	7	3	3	..	3
	Summer Term....	" "	30	8	21	17	20	20	8	13	12	5	..	..	..	..
	Fall Term.....	Myrtie E. Glidden.....	30	6	22	18	22	21	14	15	6	7	5	..	..	..
5	Spring Term.....	Ellen W. Robinson.....	30	8	6	5	6	6	6	5	4	..	..	..	..	..
	Summer Term...	" "	30	8	11	8	11	11	11	10	8	4	1	..	..	..
	Fall Term.....	" "	30	6	11	9	11	11	10	11	8	6	2	..	2	..

For the last three columns of Ungraded School Table read Algebra, Book-Keeping and Physiology, in place of corresponding headings in Graded School Table.

In addition to the above there were the following classes in the High School:

Physical Geography, 20; General History, 12; Rhetoric, 15; English Literature, 15; Physiology, 20; Book-Keeping, 22; Algebra, 22; Geometry, 18; Philosophy, 22; Chemistry, 22; Astronomy, 15; Botany, 17; Natural History, 22; Civil Government, 15.

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